

A WIND MACHINE

DR. GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS IN MOT

ong Explanation of His First Loss
Political Assessments—The Vaporings of
Fraud—Glittering Generalities and
Some Specious Pleadings.

JAY A. HURDELL, Chairman and Treasurer of the American Civil Service Reform Association, advised me that he had received your letter of the 2d inst., in which you comment upon the efforts of the American Civil Service Reform Association, and its members, who are employees of the government that they are themselves liable to legal penalties if they fail to yield to a requisition to pay a specific amount of their salaries into the treasury of your organization.

IT SEEMS TO ME, HOWEVER, that a man who lives with his family on \$300 a year would find it much more alarming to be summoned to pay 2 percent amount than to be told that such payment would lead to legal trouble. If, indeed, the question of comparative manliness and the transaction, it strikes me that virtuous stevedore laborers in navy yards and clerks

YOU REMAIN THAT YOU DESERVE seek protection and shelter behind any religion, race, or ethnicity. You will not, therefore, attempt to hide and pretend that the assessment of 2 percent per specific sum levied by the Congressional Committee is an invitation to make a "voluntary contribution." It is stated that \$2,000 or less

THEY ARE APPARENTLY ADDRESSING themselves to public employes, and those who undoubtedly understand that the cause is that of payment or dismissal. The demand is by a committee which knows the general understanding in the service is pleaded with a superior officer against justice of this assessment upon poor men, small wages and reduced to despair.

and, and I told me not to and planned to tell you that I did not wish to pay them for the persons ready to take his place without any compensances. It is not necessary for me to tell you that this is a patently a sale of the office for the highest bidder; it proves the self respect of the public employees that it is necessarily

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economical administration. If the wages of public service are too high let them be paid, but by what right does a committee of responsible club of members of Congress of the House tell upon the public employees under

at party authority constituted that committee. That way is it responsible to the Republic? If a levy of money is to be made on the employees of the government for the benefit of the treasury, which I hold to be a pernicious thing, it should be authorized by those whom the people designate for the purpose. It is certainly not to be assumed by any committee of men elected by the party for another purpose. I think the committee may demand 2 per cent. of wages for the purpose. IT MAY EXORT TWENTY PER CENT. for the same tenor. Other similar committees may do the same thing, and

are not subject to various demands. The money thus coerced by irremittances is expended in ways of which the public account. It becomes often a violation fund, drawn from the public treasury in power to secure its continued government. This is a dangerous institution, and the general knowledge abuse necessarily destroys popular confidence, honesty of elections, and brings us with a catastrophe. Undoubtedly the ultimate political expenses for every part of free country everybody should be at and to

the public employees of the government, actually selected in a way which practically nullified the right of the people to them or of the liberty of giving or withholding such aid at their pleasure. If a man holds his place by personal favor, he naturally propitiate that favor in order to keep his place. It was the knowledge that the officeholder in this matter is thus inclined to Congress to pass the act of protection that our circular refers. That act recognizes our experience and the reason of it, namely, that a government employee whose salary depends upon his wages is not deluded by the promise of a substantial increase.

AND TO SAY TO AN EMPLOYEE

The circular of the congressional committee that his "contribution will not be above any official quarter," is merely to lighten up. It is a hint to him that the denials are approved by those who can't help it.

You assert your willingness to ask them to ask the opinion of the Attorney-General's office as being due to the employee's confidential position.

Your circular has been sent to the employee's office, and it is now up to you to see that the message is understood.

head of the office does not object. But the newspapers carefully you are the very general public condemn the practice of political assessments. They are condemn for the precise such assessments are not what they are—“voluntary contributions.” If you contribute to your treasury, I am a private and I can give or refuse without suit if you and your associates ask my money is employed in the custom-house, the collector feels that he is in the decline. This is the infringement of equal liberty of citizens, which mak

It threatening to the public welfare
 clation of which I have the honor to be
 will spare no lawful effort to resto
 al liberty to every citizen.

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SOCIAL INCIDENTS.

Arrests of Prominent People
Held to the Springs.
 e and Mrs. Samuel H. Badish, of

ved at San Francisco last Tuesday.
Mr. P. H. Christman and family will leave
for Asbury Park to spend the summer
Mrs. Kauffman, wife of Mr. Kauffman,
has gone to Watertown, N. Y., to spend
the week.
Mrs. William R. Du Bose, wife of Pa-
trick Surgeon Du Bose, U. S. N., is visiting at
this place.
Miss Curtis will be decided as
to the Army circle at West Point, and
will be missed in society here.
The late Mrs. Joseph Stocker, retired

Mrs. St. George, of Plainfield, N. J., is expected to be here this week. Captain John Van Rensselaer Hoff, assistant adjutant general, and his wife, Mrs. U. S. A., and Mrs. Hoff, arrived here last night. They are here on leave, June 18, from Fort Lee, N. J. General Frederick T. Dent, colonel First New York Cavalry, and his wife, Mrs. Dent, are visiting friends at Fort Lee, opposite Franklin Square. Mrs. C. M. Alexander and Miss Apollonia Alexander leave this week for Rawley Springs, N. C. They will remain until late in September. Captain Francis S. Haggerty, retired U. S. Army, and his wife, Mrs. Haggerty have gone to Fort Ticonderoga, N. Y., to spend the summer on Lake Champlain, to spend the

His sister, who was at Nantasket Beach on June 15, and will go to Narragansett this week.

Miss Lovell K. Reynolds, U. S. N., is on a visit to his mother, Mrs. William K. Reynolds, widow of the late Rear-Admiral Rea, No. 1819 H street.

The wedding of Paymaster I. Goodwin, U. S. N., and Miss Helen Maul Hazard, who announced last week, will take place Wednesday, June 28, at Trinity Church, Newport. The bride-elect is a daughter of the late Captain Hazard, and a niece of Mr. Rowland N. Hazard, of New York city.

namely St. Ethelred, her Madeline Tuckwell, personally Blanche Roosevelt, has gone away with her husband, St. Macchabedee, since, made application at the State Department to represent the United States in the city of Italy, and to the matter is a matter of course. Madeline Tuckwell, a biographer of the famous, which was the first book published after his death, has been a woman of successful, and the beautiful authors, to give a hands me sum from her venture, to the hop by the Colombia Boat Club, St. Ethelred after the regatta was a most interesting. Although the mercury had climbed in the dingles, "The Perry Institute"

indulgence in the mazy dance with activity as if it had been December. Those present were Misses Dandenbower, H. W. Warr, Shyrock, Patterson, Moffat, Thompson, Leach, Marbury, Valentine, Bennett, Hodges, Crowwell, Leete, Spindler, Matthews, Yerby, Mulli, Shuman, Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Farris, Misses Brown, Smith, Williams, Shoult, Mrs. George W. and Miss Rilla Casbeer, Lieutenant Danovos, Mrs. Wash, Dandenbower, President Cook, Mrs. Williams, F. Williams, Lieutenant L. Casbeer, Neasmith, Kintner, Smith, Old, Mrs. Rose Thompson, Fowler, Koda,

by, Hodges, Garland, Downing, Young, Haff, Hardie, Frederick, Meekal, Murphy, Parks, Towars, Parot, Nute, William Wheadley, Brewer, Treacot, Mr. Harrison, Hollister, Carpenter, Kervand, of the Potomac Boat Club and Messrs. Biddle, of the Annapolians.